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Students, both domestic and international, listen intently during Student Senate's open forum discussion about President Donald Trump's executive orders Feb. 13.

Executive order explained

Northwest Student Senate brings in experts to discuss President Trump's first attempts at immigration reform

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A representative from Husch Blackwell LLP's Kansas City, MO office and leader of the firm's higher education practice group gave Northwest students and faculty the facts on what Trump's Executive Immigration order really meant.

The event was hosted by Northwest's Student Senate Inclusion committee Monday at 6 p.m. Committee Chair Rodney McDuffie and Co-chair Shyla Kallhoff felt a

change in the atmosphere on campus, and realized students had questions about the order.

"I think that all students should come to the presentation to make sure that we can have the facts correct in a world of alternative facts," McDuffie said before the presentation. "We believe they could be multi-cultural students, international students or Greek students. Even students not affiliated with any organizations are welcome to come out to learn what is going on right now in our nation's capital."

Both were excited to have legal representatives sharing the truth on the matter and to clear any confusion among students and faculty.

"It is great that we can have organizations like Student Senate, SAC and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office to bring about conversations that we need to have as a nation," McDuffie said. "The students can expect the inclusion committee putting on more events, such as these, about having dialogues that are much needed in our society."

Immigration Attorney Kel-

ly Stout and Higher Education Attorney Elizabeth Samples were the two who came to inform the attending audience. They laid out the executive order, submitted Jan. 27, and the actions taken against it.

"We are really talking about something that's been ongoing and evolving over the last two weeks," Samples said. "We have been doing our best to stay up-to-date and stay current about what is going on. However, the things we are talking about tonight could change tomorrow or the next day."

Stout said the largest issue people were having in the nation with this order was the sudden restrictions on travel. U.S. citizens were confused on the unclear language the order possessed and needed further clarification.

"You had people on planes, and when the planes landed, the executive order came down," Stout said. "All of a sudden we can't let them in, even though they had permission previously from the government to come in."

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Difficulty in find building materials has led to a delay of Scooter's opening.

Scooter's grand opening delayed

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The opening of a drive-through coffeehouse in Maryville continues to be delayed.

Scooter's Coffee announced plans in October to open a new location at 1308 S. Main St., utilizing a building formerly housing a U.S. Cellular provider. The chain planned to be available for business in December, but has encountered an odd issue. General Manager Katy Williams said the issue concerns their incoming furniture.

"Scooter's uses reclaimed wood for all of the booths and counters," Williams said.

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FILE

The City Council issued the Palms a verbal warning for the bar's city code viola-

Local bar receives verbal warning

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The Maryville City Council issued a verbal warning to the owner of The Palms after a hearing investigating liquor license and city code violations.

The council heard the violations through a court hearing process. The council heard several witnesses including owner of The Palms Erik Schreiber, bar manager Matt Davis and two Maryville police officers.

The violations heard included city code violations in relation to a food truck, the "Wiener Wagon," and a party bus parked behind the bar. The council also took into account a liquor license violation from an incident in which a bartender knowingly served alcohol to minors in the bar, which led to the arrest of four people and termination of the bartender.

Upon hearing the witnesses, and

after cross examination by City Attorney Taryn Henry and Schreiber's attorney Chad Gaddie, the council moved to issue a verbal warning.

Schreiber said he believes the verbal warning was a fair conclusion to the hearing.

"I think the verbal warning was fair, and fines were paid weeks ago," Schreiber said. "There wasn't then, nor is there now, any intention to break the laws in place. Quite the opposite actually. I initiated a meeting with the city manager and the director of public safety the same day we purchased the bar, and made it very clear to them from day one that our intention was provide a legal, clean, safe place for everyone in town to enjoy."

City Manager Greg McDanel said he believes future violations can be avoided.

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City to repair in-town roadways

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Maryville city officials have unveiled a list of streets to be repaired this summer.

Maryville City Manager Greg McDanel said the list, presented to the Maryville City Council Feb. 13, is a part of the city's continued effort to improve street conditions in the community.

"Generally, we do this through our Asphalt Mill and Overlay Proj-

ect, where we mill off several inches of deteriorated asphalt and put brand new asphalt on," McDanel said. "We try to do between \$250,000 to \$300,000 (of work) a year. This year, our proposal is three linear miles. We've picked out a segment of city streets to consider, and will put those out in a bid project."

Last year, the North Main street repair depleted all the funds made available for the 2016 portion of the Asphalt Mill and Over-

lay Project. Public Works Director C.E. Goodall says as a result, this year's list consists of streets leftover from last year's portion of the project.

"We didn't want to leave those residents out after they thought they were getting an overlay last year," Goodall said. "We had to pull (the streets) off (last year's list), and we're happy to have them back on (this year's list)."

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Second degree sexual assault reported after campus tour

The University Police Department received a report of sexual assault, second degree, which occurred during a campus tour. The incident, reported Feb. 9, occurred on campus. Sexual assault, second degree is the new charge for forcible fondling. The forcible fondling statutes changed Jan. 1. University Police Chief Clarence Green said the victim provided no indication of proceeding with criminal charges, and the accused lives outside of the area.

Prescription drug crime on the rise in Missouri

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Missouri is the only state in America without Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs), which may have caused a significant increase in prescription drug abuse and related cases in the Northwest region.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), PDMPs are state-run electronic databases used to track the prescribing and dispensing of controlled prescription drugs to patients. The program was designed to help monitor and control information related to suspected abuse of prescription drugs.

However, Missouri is the only state to not adopt the program and, as a result, the amount of drug related crimes have spiked. People from across the country have come to Maryville in attempts to fill their fraudulent prescriptions, Nodaway County Sheriff Randy Strong said.

“About two years ago, we had a group of people who came up from Florida just to try and fill their prescriptions,” Strong said. “It’s not really the doctors or the pharmacies who are at fault either; it is just that we have no way to monitor and track who has had multiple prescriptions filled.”

Without a monitoring system, it is easy for people to be able to purchase highly addictive opioids. According to the CDC, in the last three years there have been 3,158 deaths due to overdosing on opioids.

There are no plans to implement a drug monitoring system in Missouri, though it has been brought up to local legislators multiple times.

These are not victimless crimes either, Strong and the sheriff’s department have noticed a rise in crime across the Maryville community.

“The people become addicted to prescriptions and are working to try and find money and a way to get their next fix,” Strong said. “This has caused a noticeable rise in theft in the Maryville community, because they are just thinking about where they are going to get the money to buy the drugs.”

Director of Maryville Public Safety Keith Wood encourages citizens to take part in the Drug Take-Back program hosted by Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department. This event allows people to drop off their old prescriptions to be disposed of properly.

“We have the annual Drug Take-Back Program, which allows citizens to drop off their old prescriptions to be disposed of,” Wood said. “We encourage everyone to participate in this. I believe our last drop off gathered about 100 pounds of prescriptions.”

For Wood, the best thing anyone can do is to simply make sure all medication is put away where only those the medication is prescribed to can access them.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a substance abuse problem, both University Wellness Services and St. Francis Hospital offer drug abuse programs open to the public.



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Missouri is the only state to not adopt the program Prescription Drug Monitoring Drug Programs.

Student Senate begins search for candidates

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Student Senate has begun the annual process of preparing for elections with the expectation of higher candidate turnouts.

The senate held its first campaign information meeting Feb. 14. Student Senate President Hannah Sears explained the information meetings as a way to let Student Senate know you want to run and a way to learn the rules.

“The meetings basically are run by my elections commissioner, Ty Franklin, and they’re 15 to 20 minutes of the do’s and don’ts of campaigning and where you can and can’t campaign,” Sears said. “If you were to make a post on social media,

you’d have to clear it through the elections commissioner. And when you show up at that meeting, that’s when Ty knows you’re interested in running, so we can get your name uploaded to Bearcat Link so people can vote for you.”

Some of the rules discussed during the information meetings include where it is OK to campaign, how to campaign and ways to get your campaigns approved. Senior Class President and Elections Commissioner Ty Franklin is in charge of those meetings as well as approving all campaign propaganda before it is published.

“To do any type of signage campaigning, if you want to set up a Twitter or a Facebook page or set up a poster, you have to run those by me,” Franklin said. “Then I’ll ap-

prove the page and I’ll send the poster to Office of Student Involvement and they’ll put the stamp of approval on it. They’ll send it back to the candidate and they can hang them up in their dorm rooms or academic buildings, and there’s posting areas within the buildings that I’ll also send to them.”

The Senate is expecting a higher turnout rate this year than previous years. Franklin said the expected rise in turnout can be attributed to the organization growing its presence at Northwest.

“We’re definitely expecting a bigger turnout this year because Student Senate’s footprint has been more obvious on campus this year,” Franklin said. “I feel like there’s been more outreach to other groups and organizations, so I feel like more

people know about senate. Therefore, more people will turnout.”

The senate is encouraging all students to get involved. The organization has recently taken an active hand in helping diversity on campus, going as far as naming a committee after the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office.

Student Senate encourages those who are busy to still run.

“It’s a fantastic leadership opportunity because there are so many leadership opportunities within the organization the way that we’re set up. There’s the exec board, but there are committees that you can be a part of and can be a chair of,” Sears said. “It gives you a really solid experience, and gives you a way to work your way up. A lot of busy people find value in it because there

are little opportunities.”

There is a few more opportunities coming up to make an informational meeting Feb. 20 to 23. Campaigning will be from March 1 to 12, and election week is March 12 to 17.

“I think that if you have any drive or motivation to impact a broader audience, than say somebody who’s in a sorority, which only affects those 80-100 girls, whereas if you come on to student senate you’ll be placed on a committee and you’ll be able to impact or help say maybe 500 students or more by putting on an event,” Franklin said. “If you’re looking for more involvement in things on campus, this is definitely good.”

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Relay for Life actively seeks volunteers for annual event

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A local non-profit desperately seeks volunteers for its upcoming event.

Relay for Life of Nodaway County is holding its annual event March 18. Event Leader Carolyn Coy said they need volunteers to help set-up Bearcat Arena March 17.

Relay for Life is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. According to The American Cancer Society, team members take turns walking around a track. There is to be a team member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. Events can be six to 24 hours long.

“Starting at five the night before, we start decorating which will

involve moving chairs, tables and bleachers,” Carolyn Coy said. “If college kids plan on staying over break, we are in need of their time for a few hours Friday.”

Carolyn Coy said the event will provide volunteer hours as well.

In the past, Relay for Life had more involvement with those on-campus, but all of its campus connections graduated or have otherwise left the University. Carolyn Coy said after two students attended its meeting in January, Relay for Life decided to try to get a poster approved for on-campus as well.

Relay for Life is still looking for teams to register for the event. Its last team captain meeting is March 6 in the Hy-Vee conference room. Venue Coordinator Alan Coy said they have a significant drop in team participation.

“In the past, we have had about 25 teams, and so far we have eight registered,” Alan Coy said.

Carolyn Coy said there are teams that register the day of the event, but it is better for teams to register before the event.

“They don’t realize the importance of registering; it’s how we get their contact information, t-shirt sizes and saves a hassle the day of,” Carolyn Coy said.

Carolyn Coy encourages everyone to get involved and says no team is too small.

“There is no size requirement; we only require one person walking on the track and others at their campsite to sell food and fundraise,” Carolyn Coy said.

Relay for Life of Nodaway County has a link to help start up a team on its Facebook page.

Internship provides government insight

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Four Northwest students are working alongside state lawmakers to learn about Missouri government, as part of the University's legislative internship program.

The internship program is an annual program which sends four students to Jefferson City to gain valuable experience in the legislative process and understand how Missouri is governed. The program began in early January and will end in May.

This year's legislative interns include seniors Kyle Brewster, Anthony Ealy, Chloe Haffarnan and Zakiah Marshall. The internship is open to all majors and the only requirements are the completion of at least one trimester at Northwest and

a 2.50 or higher grade point average.

Haffarnan is a history major serving in the office of Sen. Dan Hageman. She hopes the internship will help her gain real-world experience for her to use outside of her college career.

"This internship is important to me because it will help me in any career I decide on in the future," Haffarnan said. "Communication and people skills are something everyone values, and working at the capitol has taught me how to handle many people, with very diverse demeanors, in a professional way."

Political Science Professor Daniel Smith said he believes the internship program is important because it provides students with new and different learning experiences.

"(The interns) see the fascinating, often quite messy and always

politically charged legislative process up close," Smith said. "They gain valuable experience that they would not get in a classroom. Experience not just in government, but in workplace teamwork, time management, writing under pressure and constituent/customer relations."

Through the internship, Haffarnan has been able to meet and talk with professionals and other interns who share her passion of government.

"Networking with the different offices in the capitol and other interns has been a lot of fun," Haffarnan said. "It has been very inspiring meeting people who are professional and share an interest in government."

Many previous interns obtained government jobs because of the networking and relationships they gained. Some even went on to hold careers in politics at all levels of gov-

ernment, including public relations and law.

Not only is the internship an opportunity for students, but for the University as well.

"Northwest has, for a long time, been promoting the kind of experiential learning that students gain through internships, and internships at the state capitol are particularly beneficial," Smith said. "Our students not only obtain the experience, but they represent the University positively through their abilities and professionalism."

Haffarnan said this experience was an amazing experience she would not have gotten anywhere else and encourages others to apply.

"I would like to add that everyone qualified for this internship next year should really consider taking this opportunity," Haffarnan said. "I cannot

stress enough on how much this will help people network and prepare for any career as a professional."

The program's success has led to Smith and the department often have trouble placing the four interns because of a high demand for Northwest interns.

"My greatest challenge when placing our interns is that I often have 7-10 legislators who want a Northwest intern, and we only have four interns available," Smith said. "... We send high-quality interns to the capitol year after year, and it does not go unnoticed."

Smith hopes this year, and the years to come, will continue to both help students learn and grow outside of their college careers, as well as strengthen the University's relationship with the capitol and its legislators.



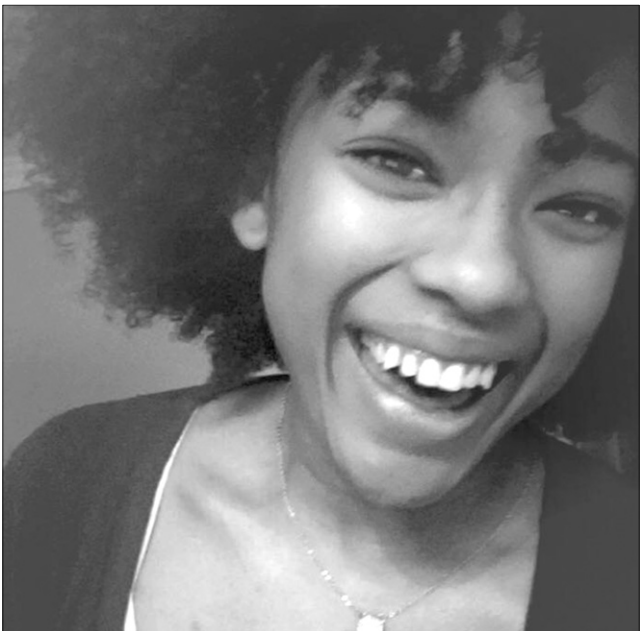
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Budget cuts leave everyone on edge



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Last month, Gov. Eric Greitens cut \$56 million from Missouri’s public university budget. Northwest is taking a hit. Because of these cuts, Northwest’s budget will be down by roughly \$3 million in the next fiscal year, starting July 1, according to the Daily Forum. While there is nothing that can be done directly, it does call into question one thing: the cam-

pus’s multimillion dollar Multipurpose Complex.

When asking staff around campus whether or not the summer 2017 construction start of the complex will commence, you probably will not get a straight yes or no. However, Feb. 11 the Daily Forum ran an article announcing the committee for the bed tax.

The bed tax is a tax on nightly hotel stays in Maryville that was approved in 2016 elections. This tax would only raise \$150,000 of the \$3.45 million cost of the complex.

While a Multipurpose Complex would be a great addition to campus,

create jobs and has the potential to generate revenue, I still question if now is the right time for Northwest to drop millions of dollars on a complex that is, in reality, just a bigger and better combination of facilities already present on campus. Why not cut the potential spending to deal with the unforeseen Missouri higher education budget cuts?

The budget cuts were unexpected and hard to handle. Other than a statement from University President John Jasinski addressing the cuts, there has been little information on how Northwest will handle the new budget.

There is bound to be increases and decreases to make up for the lack of funds. It leaves me, as a student, a little scared.

Will there be a raise in my tuition? Technology fee? Will they decrease my scholarship? The funding for my program? Will Northwest put forth millions of dollars to build the Multipurpose Complex in the middle of campus?

I do not know.
“We have been anticipating a shortfall and – make no mistake – cuts of these types will hurt. It will have impacts across all programs and operations. However, we will

continue to address short- and long-term actions related to our strategy, and we will continue to lead proactively and from a positive approach,” President John Jasinski said in an opinion piece published in the Daily Forum earlier this month.

I am sure Northwest has a plan in the works to do as much as it can for the students, given this financially difficult time. I have faith that soon the institution will exhibit some kind of transparency toward its student body.

Until then, I will anxiously wait to see the construction begin on our \$3.45 million Multipurpose Complex.

Technology vs Face to Face

2006-2008 there was a 450% increase in using text messages

98% of 18-29 year olds use their phones in social settings

78% say it adds to the experience

30% use it to disengage from the group

Technology hinders face to face interactions



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Technology and social media have killed the way humans communicate, and we need to look at how it affects us.

Text messaging became regular in the early 2000s and exploded from 2006 to 2008 when texts increased 450 percent, according to CBS.

A study done by Pew in 2015 found that two thirds of Americans are smartphone owners, and 97 percent of those people send texts at least once a day.

Over the course of the study, 100 percent of 18-to-29-year-olds sent texts, while only 93 percent made voice calls.

Cell phone use is constant and becoming less and less personal.

While these statistics are disheartening, it is important to realize why they are the way they are.

Some people are just too into their phones and not involved enough in the world around them.

According to Pew, 18-to-29-year-olds are most likely to think it is OK to use their phones while on public transportation, waiting in line or walking down the street.

While I also use my phone to pass time or avoid those around me, I wish people would pay more attention to their surroundings, at



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least for safety’s sake.

Unfortunately, people are not just using their phones in public to pass time. More and more people are using their phones during social situations and killing real

face-to-face conversation. According to Pew, 82 percent of adults believe using your cell phone during a social gathering at least occasionally hurts the conversation.

Once again, 18-to-29-year-

olds are the culprits. Ninety-eight percent use their phones at least once in a social setting, according to Pew.

Seventy-eight percent of these people say they used their phone to

add to the gathering (posting a picture of the group, sharing something on social media that had happened, etc.), but 30 percent used their phone at least once to purposely disengage from the group. This needs to change. If you are with your friends, why would you want to disengage?

There are so many negatives to constant cell phone use, but I would like to point out cell phones can be positive too.

Because of busy schedules, I have become so disconnected from people I do not have classes with or work with.

Sometimes the only way I can stay in constant contact with some of my best friends is via text. Although I would rather see them and talk in person, that is not always possible.

I go to school an hour and a half away from my family, who I am very close to. If it were not for FaceTime, I would not be able to be as close with my family, after four years of living 100 miles away.

We need to get out of the habit of constantly using our phones in front of the people we are spending time with.

Instead, we need to cherish their time. We also need to keep in better contact with people we do not get to see often because technology makes it so easy.

There are negatives and positives to technology and we need to work on finding a balance.

Professors must not be afraid to speak up



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In a time where people are afraid to speak up, it may be more important now than ever.

This irony is only magnified when those we rely on for a quality education feel afraid to comment on anything political.

Do not get me wrong, as a staff member of the Missourian, talking to people of all different ages and professional standings is a common occurrence. With a minimum of three to five interviews a week, there are always times where someone has to cancel an interview for one reason or another.

What is strange is not when an interview drops, but when an inter-

view drops because the interviewee is a professor and does not feel comfortable talking about politics in any light. In some cases, interviewees have a preconceived belief against doing an interview before the topic is presented.

Expecting anyone to be open to speaking on any topic is ridiculous, but recently, I have noticed a trend in why some of my interviews with teachers have been dropped.

Two weeks ago I wrote an article on dystopian novels and why “1984” might be a best seller again. During the process of writing the story, I had two interviews with professors drop and one request for the interview to be deleted afterward.

“I would prefer if you did not publish any of the comments that I made this afternoon,” the source said via email. “In this political and social climate, there is a real possibility some of the things I said

could cause professional trouble for me. Honestly, that’s a problem that I don’t need, particularly when I could rephrase some of the same sentiments and observations in a less inflammatory way.”

The same source later went into further detail on the reasoning for wanting the interview deleted. The source stated an increase in tension in the social atmosphere creates a passive feeling to stay especially quiet, even outside of the classroom.

The professor even went as far as to state they would have no issue letting the interview print if it had been done 30 years ago.

So why are educators so scared to speak up? With regard to political parties, many polls during the election cycle last November were drastically off from what results ended up being. For whatever reason, there was a quiet majority of supporters in the Republican Party who were not

willing to show their support outright.

In the classroom maybe it makes sense to refrain from expressing a strong opinion, especially at the younger age level. But professors keeping quiet in every circumstance is doing more harm than good.

This refrain from expressing opinions has only grown in recent years, and this is all thanks to a society growing more into a politically correct way of living.

The second story I wrote as a newspaper practicum student looked at my belief about how we as a nation have a responsibility to speak up when we see something wrong. Not one person was willing to be quoted in the paper.

A potential professor interviewee stated while they agreed with the direction of the article, they wanted no part of it.

Missed opportunities like this

happen too often. Educators offer an outside perspective, specifically in the college environment like Northwest’s, and this benefit is arguably more needed now than ever.

The ones who open student’s minds to new topics five days a week are called teachers for a reason. Whether their opinions are unpopular or not, it is important for those opinions to be presented one way or another so students can choose to challenge or support those beliefs if they want.

At this point, we are only hurting ourselves and, for the sake of redundancy, it is time to stop complaining and start acting.

In and outside of the classroom, teachers are some of the most influential people in our lives. While it is important to remain as unbiased as possible, the last thing we should feel is a sense of fear to simply raise our hands.

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The representatives described the most impactful sections in the order to ease uncertainty in the community.

Section 3 of the executive order suspended the issuance of visas and other immigration benefits, including entry into the United States for immigrants and non-immigrants from countries of particular concern for 90 days, Stout said.

These countries include Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

Section 4 implemented uniform screening standards for all immigration programs.

“This was really vague,” Stout said. “It was more of a security measure. They wanted additional screening mechanisms other than those already in place.”

Section 5 dealt specifically with refugee admissions, suspending them for 120 days.

Section 7 talks about the completion of a biometric entry and exit system being put in place, meaning fingerprint scanning.

Section 8 suspends the visa interview waiver program, where people would be forced to talk with a immigration consular officer, regardless of situation.

“It sort of suspends that program saying everyone has to come in to the consulate to have an interview with the consular officer before we

SCOOTER’S

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“I’ve been told the holdup is getting the reclaimed wood.”

Williams is unsure of when the pieces will arrive. Until then, the shop will continue to remain vacant.

“They’ve been pushing it back since the beginning of December,” Williams said. “Just a couple of days ago, the word was we’ll open March 15. We can’t really say for sure though. It is very possible the date will move.”

After the furniture is moved in, workers will install espresso machines – likely the last step before opening.

Once open, consumers will notice the Maryville location is a larger edition of the restaurant. Two separate types of Scooter’s exist, Williams said – smaller drive-through huts with enough room for one or

ROADWAYS

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Goodall said city officials try to be balanced when choosing streets for the project.

“There are years, by chance, that we do go with some streets that are all on one side of town one year, and then try to switch it back the other way. But this year we’re pretty balanced,” Goodall said.

The list of streets to be repaired this summer includes Galaxy Drive, the 400 to 600 block of North Main, the 100 to 400 block of South Davis, the 100 to 700 block of East Edwards, South Saunders from Tor-



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Student Senate brought in political experts to help break down the language of what exactly President Trump’s immigration moves mean.

are going to issue them a visa and let them come into the United States,” Stout said.

Washington and Minnesota sued the government, targeting important parts of the order.

“They said ‘We want to ask for a temporary restraining order,’” Stout

said. “That would prohibit the federal government from enforcing the most important parts of the order, especially on the parts that affected travel.”

Stout and Samples stated that the president could rewrite the executive order, or issue a new executive order if this ban persists.

as well. All drinks have to be on the counter or out the window in 60 seconds after the order was placed, Williams said.

“If someone orders four drinks, that might increase [the out-speed] to 120 seconds,” Williams said.

Besides coffee, Scooter’s offers breakfast items, blenders, smoothies and teas.

In an October press release, Maryville City Manager Greg McDanel said the city eagerly awaits the store’s opening.

“The City of Maryville and Nod-away County Economic Development are excited to welcome Scooter’s Coffee to Maryville,” McDanel said. “Numerous citizen surveys over the years have indicated the desire for a specialized drive-through coffee retailer. We look forward to the success of Scooter’s Coffee and their redevelopment of a vacant structure in our South Main commercial district.”

two employees and more spacious locations with indoor seating.

Williams said the Maryville store is the latter of the two.

“It’s a drive-through, but it’s also a sit-down location,” Williams said. “It’s not huge, but there will be booths and a couple of tables.”

According to its website, Scooter’s has 155 stores in the country, with 40 set to open this year. The closest freestanding store is stationed more than 50 miles away in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Williams said the franchise sets itself apart from other coffee retailers due to its kind workers.

“The store I trained at in Omaha, Nebraska was so genuine,” Williams said. “A lot of places you work at, once someone clocks out and leaves, everyone shares their disapproval for that person. It was not that way in Omaha.”

The chain prides itself on speed

rance to East South Avenue, Care-free Drive, South Alco from First to near West Edwards and South Grand and East South Hills Drive.

City officials also declared a list of alternate streets to be repaired if the budget allows, following the completion of all priority streets. The list of alternate streets includes West Sixth Street from Market to Fillmore and Walnut to the dead end, West Cooper from Vista Lane to South Alco, 13th Street from Mulberry to Prather and North College from 16th Street to University.

McDanel says the Asphalt Mill and Overlay Project is partially funded through the Capital Improvement Sales Tax, an item to appear

before voters on the April 4 ballot.

“The Capital Improvement Sales Tax is funding approximately \$130,000 of the Asphalt Mill and Overlay Project this year,” McDanel said. “We used Capital Improvement funds to help this initiative over the past ten years, and we’re asking voters on April 4 to consider renewing this so we can continue improving infrastructure in the community.”

City officials hope to start this year’s portion of the Asphalt Mill and Overlay Project no later than June 1. Goodall said the project is more or less a 45-day project, and the city would likely see project completion by the end of July.

PALMS

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“I think the owner is invested in the facility and in the operations,” McDanel said. “We encourage all liquor license holders to reach out and partner with Public Safety to make sure they understand all of the codes, as well as have a partnership level with bar patrol and curb any violations that could happen with liquor license holders.”

McDanel said there will be no further action on the items heard unless other violations occur.

Schreiber said he has been in the bar business for 15 years and this has been the first liquor law violation he has received. He also said he makes it very clear to his staff that serving alcohol to minors is not how business is to be conducted.

Schreiber said the bartender who served to minors blatantly and intentionally chose to disregard the rules established.

“There is no getting around the fact that she chose not only break the law, as well as the house rules here,” Schreiber said. “The offenders were arrested on the spot, and I hope the bartender learned a valuable, expensive lesson.”

Schreiber said he will be taking extra precaution to ensure this type of violation will not occur a second time.

“Everyone who walks through the door is required to show ID, regulars included,” Scheiber said. “We have a large assortment of wristbands that we rotate nightly. Over 21 gets one wristband, 19 and up gets a completely different wristband in addition to having both hands marked... Once inside, underage drinking is policed and violators are removed from the premises. Additionally, there is one entry and exit point for the bar, the front door. Attempting to sneak in, let friends in or exit through any other door is illegal. You will be asked to leave permanently.”

Schreiber said he believes citizens, students and administration in Maryville can rest assured knowing The Palms is doing its part to provide a positive experience in the downtown entertainment district.

Blotters for the week of Feb. 16

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Feb. 1
There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 300 block of North Market.

There is ongoing investigation for harassment at the 700 block of North Mulberry.

Feb. 2
A summons was issued to **Lindsey A. Mayer**, 19, for minor in possession and disorderly conduct at the 200 block

of East Fourth Street.

Feb. 3
A summons was issued to **Michael W. Moyer**, 33, for driving while suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to register a trailer and speeding at the U.S. Highway 71 Bypass and 282nd Street.

A bicycle was recovered at the 500 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 200 block of West South Avenue.

Feb. 4
There was a report of a grass fire at Katydid Road and 310th Street.

Feb. 8
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 300 block of East 14th Street.

There was a report of an equipment fire at the 24000 block of 200th Street.

A summons was issued to **Chase A. Ahlers**, 20, for minor in possession and disorderly conduct at the 300 block of North Market.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Feb. 2
A summons was issued for stealing at the Owens Library.

There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at South Complex.

Feb. 8
Two summonses were issued for a liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.

Feb. 9
There is an ongoing investigation for sexual abuse, second degree at Hudson Hall.

A summons was issued to **Braxton R. Hill**, 19, for stealing at the Administration Building.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Hudson/Perrin.

Feb. 11
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Roberta Hall.

Feb. 13
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

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An alligator in South Carolina is being referred to as the “Trump-A-Gator”. The orange alligator has sparked a large number of jokes that it has tanned too much. It is believed the orange color is caused by algae in the water.



SOURCE: HUFFINGTONPOST.COM

A man in Austria has been arrested following a stunt of going around town dressed as Adolf Hitler. Austrian police arrested him for glorifying the Nazi Party. Austria is one of the many countries including Germany, France and Italy that has laws making it illegal to glorify the Nazi Party in public.

A Manhattan Golden Retriever has an odd obsession: hugging. The lovable pooch refuses to return home until she hugs someone. If you want to follow this adorable canine, she has an Instagram account that shares all of her love with the world. She can be followed @louboutinaync.



SOURCE: HUFFINGTONPOST.COM

Protesters in Chicago have used their butts to share a message to President Trump. Protesters exposed their rear ends to Trump Tower Feb. 13, and shared some extreme messages written on their rear ends. The protest’s slogan is “Kiss our a**es, release your taxes.”

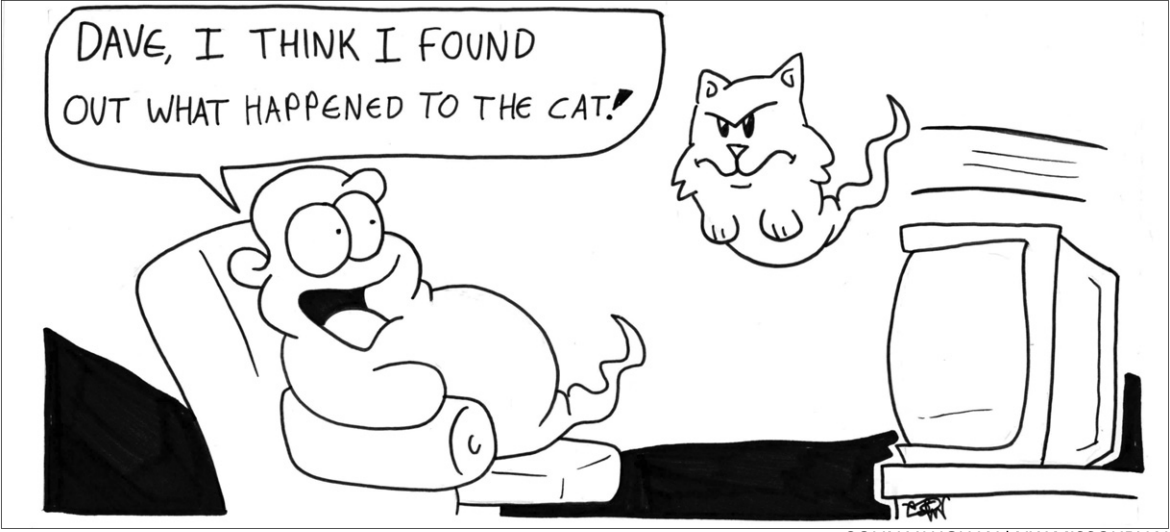
An Atlanta zoo recently named its newest hissing cockroach Tom Brady, following the loss of a bet to Rhode Island’s Roger Williams Park Zoo. The agreement was that the losing zoo had to name its newest baby after the quarterback of the winning team. The cockroach’s family members are named after the Brady Bunch.

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By MetroCreative

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Paranormal Inactivity



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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. Package
- 7. Wear away
- 13. Joins a leaf to a stem
- 14. Worsen
- 16. Promotes international cooperation (abbr.)
- 17. Your folks
- 19. Publicity
- 20. Moves up
- 22. Dept. of Labor
- 23. Physicist Enrico
- 25. Whitney and Manning are two
- 26. Human foot (pl.)
- 28. Coral is an example
- 29. Extended error correction
- 30. Small amount
- 31. Dash
- 33. The greatest of all time
- 34. Middle Eastern country
- 36. Ravine
- 38. Cup-like cavity
- 40. Chemical substances
- 41. Extremely stupid behavior
- 43. He built Arantea
- 44. Beverage beloved by Brits
- 45. Cereal plant
- 47. Signal
- 48. A bar bill
- 51. Comedienne Faris
- 53. Preface to a book
- 55. Stores grain
- 56. In a way, medicated
- 58. Small island (British)
- 59. An Indiana-based hoopster
- 60. Measures width of printed matter
- 61. Riders use this to transport goods
- 64. Once more
- 65. Thin layers
- 67. Says again
- 69. Cleans thoroughly
- 70. Warnings

Clues Down

- 1. Relating to male organ
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Covers with frost
- 4. Makes a soft murmuring sound
- 5. Wood

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- 6. Type of fuel
- 7. Confused
- 8. Where you go at night
- 9. Canadian flyers
- 10. Type of birch tree
- 11. Beloved Welsh princess
- 12. Coated
- 13. Smooth substance of crushed fruit
- 15. Improves intellectually
- 18. A sign of assent
- 21. Island-based Italians
- 24. Pragmatic
- 26. Peter’s last name
- 27. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 30. Mexican city
- 32. Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman
- 35. Summer Olympics were just here
- 37. Fiddler crabs
- 38. Southern military academy
- 39. Tumors
- 42. Speaks incessantly
- 43. Sacred sound in Indian religions
- 46. Transactions
- 47. Et-__
- 49. Reminders
- 50. Doesn’t interest
- 52. Norse gods
- 54. Canola is one type
- 55. Beloved sportscaster Craig
- 57. Irish mother goddess
- 59. Daddy
- 62. Press against lightly
- 63. Sound unit
- 66. Master of Ceremonies
- 68. Morning

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Obsessing about anxiety



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Anxiety disorders are the most prevalent mental illness in the United States, affecting roughly 18 percent of adults.

Recent trends leave the public searching for answers

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Chances are, as a college student in the year 2017, many if not all have met someone with some form of anxiety.

This is not just the anxiety you get before a test or when you get “OCD” about cleaning your room, this is the anxiety that interferes with basic everyday life.

With a recent trend in young adults diagnosed with anxiety, it is important to spread awareness about what anxiety really is.

Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), what most people shorten to merely anxiety, is defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders as “experiencing excessive anxiety and worry, often expecting the worst even when there is no apparent reason for concern.”

This can only be diagnosed as an actual disorder when the anxiety interferes with daily life.

GAD is only one branch of the deep-rooted anxiety tree.

Along with GAD, there is also social anxiety, specific phobias, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and panic disorder.

Each one has its own specificities and levels of severity, leaving only stress to tie them all together.

Many are familiar with some of these types, with two of the most infamous disorders being OCD and PTSD.

Some may be quick to point to political strife being the primary causing factor of anxiety in America. While there is definitely some connection, there is more to the story.

Isabel Seiter, a senior at Bishop LeBlond High School, was diagnosed with GAD during April of 2014.

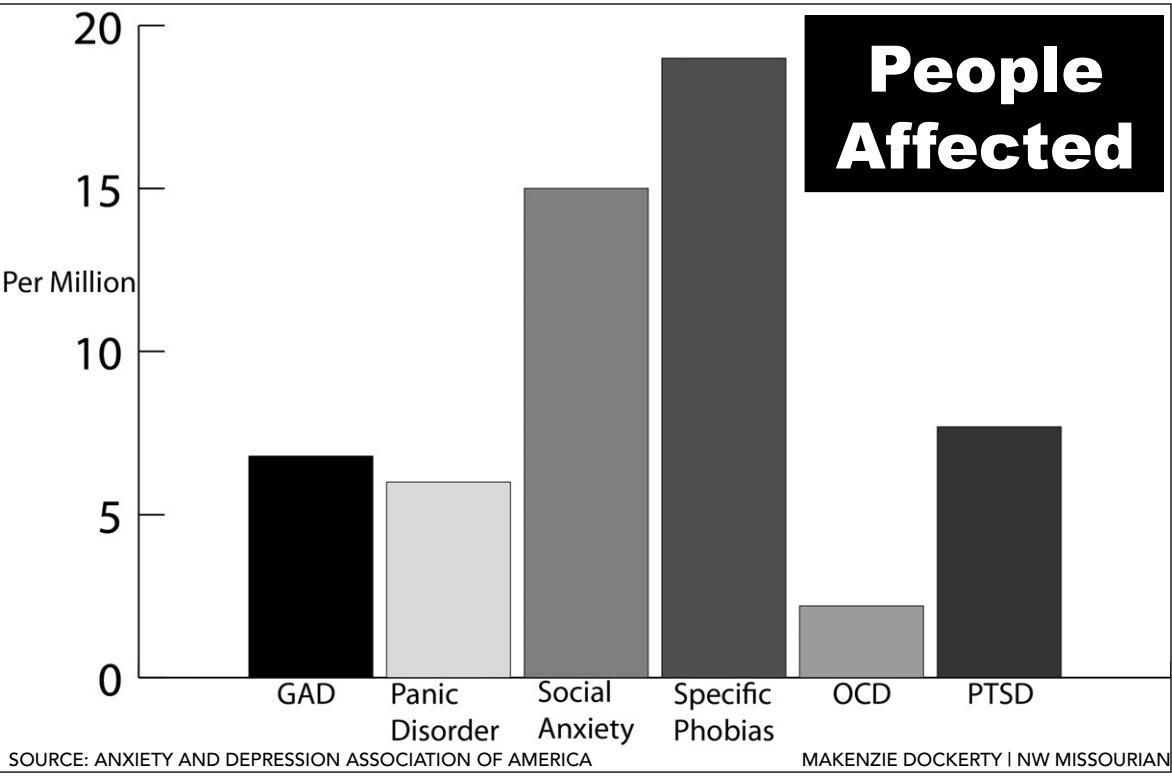
Seiter has lived and breathed the disorder through most of high school and is familiar with all of its ups and downs.

Seiter knows what causes her anxiety and what does not. Based on these observations, she feels some of today’s technological advances may be partially to blame.

“I think a big factor in anxiety of young adults is the pressure from social media,” Seiter said. “We constantly see both sides of the spectrum: shaming, insulting, judgment of strangers as well as the stories of people who are not affected by the negativity at all. I think it is not hard for someone as an individual to find where they fit into this scale.”

Seiter goes on to talk about how she feels many may have anxiety without even knowing it. For her, she not only sees others being potentially diagnosable with the disorder, but in general, sees the word ‘anxiety’ being used more.

“It is a very common word people seem to use when they are really just nervous or stressed,” Seiter said. “People do not seem to realize there



“It’s the first time you get a chance to be independent, and I think that adds a lot to it,” Casel said. “I didn’t have my dad waking me up if I overslept, I didn’t have somebody making breakfast for me if I was running late and I think that really freaked me out. It’s when you start gaining those responsibilities that the anxiety starts to pile up.”

From personal experience, Casel noted going to the Wellness Center once every other week was one of the biggest forms of release when it comes to her anxiety. Though she is grateful for this help, Casel says some of the best help can come from those around you.

“If you are a friend and someone is struggling, just listen. Sometimes that is all it takes,” Casel said. “You are not alone, even though you might feel like it. I found out three of my professors have anxiety disorders last semester.”

Instructor of Psychology Elizabeth Dimmitt said a “go go go” mindset in our society may be partially to blame for the exponential increase in diagnosed cases of anxiety in recent years.

Not only does she see a correlation between the inner workings of our society and what this does to our mental health, but she says it may harm our ability to cope with stress as well.

“We are multitasking and we are always on the go,” Dimmitt said. “I think this leads to higher levels of stress, which can lead to ineffective coping mechanisms. There is just so much going on in our society and the trend in anxiety could be linked to that change as well.”

Although seeking professional help is a good option, Dimmitt notes there are several things people can do to reduce anxiety without seeing a doctor.

“Good things to keep in mind are eating right, exercising and deep breathing,” Dimmitt said. “There are several ways to reduce every day anxiety that might come up.”

Between the professionals and those diagnosed with anxiety, it is hard to tell the difference between who is more familiar with the subject.

Seiter speaks with a tone of confidence when discussing her anxiety, but it is only because she has lived with it for so long. Dealing with anxiety is a daily task, and one thing everyone diagnosed can agree on is a need for understanding the disorder.

Seiter made a very clear point to address the need to feel like staying quiet about anxiety or any disorder.

“I am not saying you should tell everyone you know, but the people you are close to, love and trust deserve to know what is going on and it will actually benefit you as well,” Seiter said. “As much as our friends and family want to help us during these struggles, it can be very difficult for them to step in if they don’t really know what’s going on.”

Anxiety and Depression

Most common mental illness
18 percent of population affected

Highly treatable
Only one-third of people receive treatment

Women are twice as likely to be affected by GAD than men
As well as panic disorder and specific phobias

Average age of onset: 13 years old

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SOURCE: ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

is a difference between other emotions and actual anxiety. However, as I’ve become more aware of my own anxiety, I have realized there are a lot more people struggling with it than you would think.”

Interestingly, many of Seiter’s suspicions and experiences with the disorder are echoed by professors at Northwest.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Jackie Kibler strongly suggests that a link between social media and teens may be causing a rise in anxiety. Her points are eerily similar to Seiter’s suspicions, though the two have never spoken to one another.

“Both kids and adults use distractors to cope with some of the different problems in life,” Kibler said. “A lot of these things include watch-

ing TV, playing video games, using social media, taking naps or eating.”

Kibler said these are temporary distractions; they do not solve the problem.

“Then people start to think there is something wrong with them because the anxiety doesn’t go away,” Kibler said. “With kids specifically, the more time they spend on their phones and social media, the less likely they are to pick up on social cues.”

Kibler said studies find that this inability to notice social cues triggers paranoia in the minds of those affected, starting a trend in that person’s behavior if the media use continues.

Along with social media, Kibler also spoke on the over use of the word itself. Both experts believe un-

derstanding anxiety is key.

“There are clinical levels, and then there is everybody else,” Kibler said. “Anxiety is beneficial too, though. If we don’t have some anxiety then we’re not going put any effort forth when it comes to something like a test.”

Anxiety becomes a problem when it begins taking over a person’s life and thoughts.

Sophomore Faith Casel is a psychology major at Northwest. Casel was diagnosed with GAD her freshman year of college.

Casel originally noticed symptoms of anxiety after entering her freshman year of high school, but it was not until moving two and a half hours to Maryville that she noticed more of the anxiety.

Things get icy at cupcake wars

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The sound of vibrant pop music filled the ballroom as groups of bundled Bearcats strolled in, ready for a night of fun and competition at the Cupcake Wars.

SAC hosted the cupcake wars Thursday Feb. 9. As the arriving students mingled and created their teams, the members of SAC were busy finishing preparations for the battle ahead. At a front table, a display of materials and decorations could be seen by all: tubs of icing, food coloring, mixing tools and rows of cupcakes.

The night kicked off after an introduction from Director of Late Night Programming sophomore Kali Fujinami. Each group, ranging from one to four people, created three cupcake decorations for each theme: Valentine’s Day, Northwest and a random design. Each cupcake was rated 1 to 5 in creativity, originality, presentation, name and relevance to the theme. The cupcakes were judged by Office of Student Involvement Graduate Assistants Robert Mann, Alex Taylor and Emily Porter. Students chose from the array of materials presented in the front or used items they had brought themselves. Once the timer was set, the countdown began.

Excited team members rushed to collect their items in hopes of creating the winning cupcakes, while others stayed behind to brainstorm ideas for the perfect cupcake. Soon the war was underway and one hour was on the clock. At 10 p.m. the timer stopped, the judges arrived and students dropped all decorating materials and prepared their cupcakes to be judged.

The tables were filled with prize-winning cupcakes. Some resembled Pokémon characters and



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Northwest students show off their decorated cupcakes during the cupcake wars, Feb. 9, in the Student Union.

others resembled other food items, such as the first-place cupcake in the random theme, nicknamed Bob’s Burgers, had been transformed into a hamburger.

“They had to come in with a game plan,” Taylor said. “Because there’s no way they could have sat there and came up with that... It was amazing.”

In Taylor’s opinion, there was

another cupcake in the random theme which should have won first place.

“There was a cupcake that was just black. Black icing and this weird smiley face in the middle; it was just completely random,” Taylor said.

The late night event wound down slowly as teams cleaned up the piles of icing cups and strewn pieces of candy. Last-minute pictures were taken of their works and

posted to Twitter with the hashtag #nwcupcakewars.

The night provided a stress relief from a busy week of classes and welcomed students to participate in creative thinking.

“I kept seeing the flyer in the Union when I would come in and out. I thought it could be fun and it was something different,” freshman Kenyatta Johnson said. “The event

was really cool.”

Cupcake Wars was a hit this year. After not being on the list of events last year, its comeback to campus was welcomed.

“The Student Activities Council did a great job with providing the opportunity for members of the community to come out and decorate cupcakes,” Taylor said. “Free cupcakes, fun times and fun people.”

What Happened?

a short story by Makenzie Dockerty

It was just a normal day; nothing out of the ordinary happened. So, what went wrong? What made me long to feel something...anything?

I hadn’t received any calls saying something bad happened back home.

Nobody came up to me and said something that made me rethink my whole existence. So... what happened?

It’s one of those random occurrences where nothing and everything triggers it. There can just be a bunch of little things that build up over time. I feel like that is what happened this time. I feel like this is also what happens most of the time. I let everything bottle up inside of me before it just all comes out at once.

I feel like this is why most potential friendships/relationships don’t work out in the end. I bottle everything up during the

time and when it comes out the person is scared away.

I’m also too insecure, which is yet another downfall of many that I have. I don’t feel that I’m good enough for anybody or maybe they are just messing with me for their own entertainment.

I can’t express these feelings because then they’ll just leave, but if I don’t, then it will just eat me up inside.

I’m afraid of messing up. I’m afraid of not being able to get my life together and just failing. When I feel too numb or feel too much, I don’t know what to do.

There are so many different solutions, but I don’t want to annoy anyone. Once I tell them what’s going on, they distance themselves, which is why I stay silent and pretend everything is fine.

So many different things

I could do to help myself feel better, but I don’t want to annoy anyone, not even the people who are trained and paid to help. I just feel like a bother to anyone and that my problems are insignificant.

So, what happened?

What made me feel this way all of the sudden?

Why this time, out of all times, did I decide to write this down?

Am I ever going to be able to keep this from coming back time after time?

I have no answer to any of those questions. I don’t think anyone does. I don’t think anyone ever will have all the answers.

These questions will fade and come back with time, but there is one question that will always be there...

What happened?

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to stop butting in

Yes, I know it is difficult to not want to throw your two cents into someone else’s conversation, especially if you are acquaintances with them, but seriously, it gets annoying.

If someone is having a conversation with someone else about their weekend, taxes, family or even the weather: unless you are invited into the conversation do not interrupt.

There has been so many times a private conversation has been interrupted by someone else because they wanted to. No matter how loud they got talked over or if they never even were acknowledged, they just kept talking like they were supposed to be part of the conversation the entire time.

I have done this a couple of times, yes, but I then quickly left the conversation because I did not want to be that person.

There are just some people out there who do not have this kind of common sense. Even if they are

told directly they are in no way, shape or form are part of this conversation or need to be part of this conversation, they do not care.

Is it too much to ask for people to have a little more common sense? Or at least to realize when they aren’t needed in a conversation?

It gets so annoying when I am talking to a friend about my plans with someone or my plans for the next day and then someone decides they want to know what I am doing then proceed to make the entire conversation about them.

So please, Bearcats, try and think about what you are doing when you force yourself into a conversation. It is not polite to butt in and it is certainly not polite to keep talking when it is clear the people do not want you to.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Faculty seek to better educate children with autism

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Imagine not being able to communicate what is wrong. Your senses become overloaded; your anxiety level raises. For someone with autism, this is an everyday occurrence.

It can be even more frustrating for college students with autism or those on the autism spectrum. That is why Northwest invited education students and many of the teachers in the Education Department to a convention to understand autism. They went to Missouri Western University Feb. 13, for the all-day conference.

The big question is simple: What is autism?

According to autismspeaks.org, “Autism and autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction,

verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors.”

For some non-autistic students, it still hits home.

“Growing up with a sibling that has autism has taught me a lot of things,” junior Chase Moyer said. “It would be hard to describe exactly what it was like; it was a mixed bag growing up. When I was little, it was hard to understand why Carly would do things differently and why she couldn’t speak. Going into my teen years, I would get embarrassed at times because I could hear her having a tantrum from the other side of the school.”

However, hindsight is always 20/20.

“Thinking about it now, I wouldn’t have had it any other way. She has taught me how to have patience and care for others, just as I do for her,” Moyer said.

However, having a family member on the autism spectrum, while re-

warding, also comes with challenges.

“We’ve all had to make changes to our schedules, whether it’s work, school, etc., to make sure someone was at the house to keep an eye on her,” Moyer said. “As most of us have gone away to college and are on our own, it’s gotten a lot tougher for us to make those changes to be there for her, but it’s what we do.”

There is a stigma associated with those on the autism scale.

Lynne Soraya at PsychologyToday, who is on the autism spectrum, says the stigmas “others” those with autism. Particularly when people say they “hate autism.” While they say this in a somewhat supportive way, the same way many say they “hate cancer,” it is actually harmful.

“Every time someone ‘hates autism’ they are othering us. It is saying, ‘I hate the part of you that is not like me.’ People hear that. Let’s not ‘other’ autistic kids,” Soraya said. “I remember having meltdowns

that left my parents at a total loss, screaming until I collapsed in exhaustion. Yet, I never heard the word hate,” Soraya said. “They would do their best to soothe me, make sure I was safe, try to figure out what was causing it and how to help me cope.”

The stigma also hurts the families who have members on the autism scale.

“People think that autism has a negative impact on the family,” Moyer said. “Personally, it has only brought our family closer. It has made us all better people as individuals and as a family. She made being a big brother one of my most cherished roles.”

While there is a lot of focus on young children with autism, there does not appear to be as much energy put into what people can do to support adults on the spectrum. That is why Northwest faculty attended the convention.

“I think that Northwest could do

some fundraising if they aren’t already,” Moyer said. “I think to support is to inform. Honestly, if I could do a fundraiser, I probably would’ve done one already.”

It’s also important to note that it takes more than just the faculty and staff trying to raise awareness. Students also need to participate.

“I think Northwest students could research a little bit about autism so they have a better understanding about it,” Moyer said. “With how common it is now days it’s important to educate yourself on the topic. I would also encourage people not to think of those with autism as a negative thing. I’ve learned things from my little sister that no one else could.”

For many students autism is part of their lives. It is an unique lense to not only view life, but to view each other.

Conference title within boys' grasp

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One win separates Spoofhound boys basketball and its share of a Midland Empire Conference (MEC) Title.

Maryville (19-4) fell short in a 66-61 overtime loss to St. Joseph Benton (14-7), Feb. 10. The Spoofhounds must beat Savannah (12-10), Feb. 17, to earn the title.

"If we take care of business on Friday, we've (beat) them twice now," coach Matt Stoecklein said. "They are well coached; they are going to play hard. There will be a big crowd; it will be a great game."

The game marks the final matchup for the Spoofhounds heading into the Class 3 District 16 basketball tournament.

Savannah has won five of its last eight games since the two last met. The Savages have averaged 40.5 points per game in this period.

Looking ahead to the District Tournament, the matchup against The Savages gives Maryville a chance to get back on track, after playing at least two games a week since Jan. 19.

"We're going to face a lot of zone the next two, three, or four

games we are going to face," Stoecklein said. We need to get some kids going again."

Senior Jackson Golightly and John Zimmerman have lead the Spoofhounds in scoring regularly this season. Behind the two comes the occasional athlete who finds his shot. But in the times most needed, they have struggled.

Each of Maryville's losses have ended in a five point deficit. Looking towards the district tournament, Maryville hopes to find a fix to succeed in close game situations.

"We have some kids who are very good shooters and we need to get them hitting now," Stoecklein said. "One of our focuses this week is to get some shots up and some confidence back up in some of our shooters."

At the same time, opponents have had shooters the Spoofhounds could not stop, such as Lawson's Cody Glenn, or St. Joseph Benton's Terrence Clark.

Glenn played a crucial role in a pass to Coleman Weber, creating a buzzer-beating win for Lawson (22-2), Jan. 28. Glenn put up 11 points in the low-scoring 41-38 matchup.

Most recently, Clark broke through against Maryville, putting up 22 points. Despite his success on

the court at Maryville High School, he was not expected to be the leading scorer heading into the game.

"I don't think he had a game that great all year," Stoecklein said. "We had a tough time stopping him. It's tough."

Saxton Thuston has traditionally been difficult for opponents to stop on the court. While he was not the leading scorer for the Cardinals, he still gave the Spoofhounds trouble from the inside, putting up 16.

"Saxton is one really good player," Golightly said. "I'd say he is one of the best in the conference, and truly one of the most underrated players in the state. He is just a tough player to stop."

The two combined were just a small part of launching St. Joseph Benton over Maryville. On Maryville's side, the team finished 67 percent at the free throw line. Maryville also lacked Zimmerman for the first minutes of the game, and relied on other shooters.

"We've got to fix that," Stoecklein said. "We're not shooting a great percentage. (Zimmerman) not being out there didn't help."

NEXT GAME
Savannah @ Maryville
Feb. 17 @ 6:30 p.m.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Jackson Golightly fights off a Benton defender on his way to the rack in the Spoofhounds' 66-61 loss Feb. 10. Golightly finished with 15 points.

ATHLETICS CONTINUED FROM A12

"I look for how the coaches lead a team," Director of Athletics Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Most coaches are good at x's and o's, but can they lead and coach a team? That is most important."

If recent success is an indication, the answer to Tjeerdsma's question is simple: yes. Players arrive on campus knowing the work required to succeed and coaches provide an environment that makes it possible.

Not only has Northwest set the standard for winning in the major sports such as football and basketball, but other programs are beginning to excel as well.

Head tennis coach Mark Rosewell single-handedly turned his team into one of the better programs in the country. Both men's and women's teams finished ranked in final 2016 regional rankings, while the men's team finished No. 12 nationally.

Rounding out the fall sports, cross-country produced one of its better seasons in program history. Coupled with a second-place finish in the MIAA, head cross coun-

try coach Scott Lorek also boasts five All-Academic performers for the 2016 season.

"When I look for coaches, I want to see if they can recruit," Tjeerdsma said. "We want good students and coaches who can recruit those students."

No program signifies the criteria that Tjeerdsma looks for more than softball. A program that has struggled over the past decade, Northwest softball has produced an influx of young talent that allowed the 2016 team to finish the season second in the conference.

As for the programs that are not as fortunate in experiencing

success, women's basketball and soccer both find themselves in an oddly similar situation.

Both programs struggled the past few seasons, but both programs have young talent on its roster to provide hope for the future. Freshman soccer player Izzy Ramano earned MIAA Freshman of the Year honors following her 2016 season, while sophomore Arbrie Benson has shown the playmaking ability to make the women's basketball team a threat to win any night.

Winning season after winning season, Northwest has emerged as the paragon of ath-

letics not only in the conference, but also on the national level. Small children in Maryville idolize athletes and weekend events provide hard-working locals a chance to relax and escape for a few hours.

Sure, America is full of schools that produce quality sports programs. But it is a rarity for a school to produce as many winning programs as Northwest. If other schools wish to imitate the winning blueprint provided by Northwest, then they need to look no further than the values Tjeerdsma searches for in his coaches.

FRENZY CONTINUED FROM A12

"I think for college basketball, the regular season is every bit, if not more impressive, than winning tournaments," McCollum said. "The best team for a 19-game schedule wins, and wins the championship."

The first Division II Regional Rankings were released Feb. 15, listing Northwest as the No. 1 seed. The final rankings will be released in four weeks. The No. 1 seed would give Northwest home-court advantage through the first three rounds of

the NCAA Division II tournament.

"I think it would be neat," McCollum said. "We have a great atmosphere and I think we are generating some excitement. To host a regional in the town of Maryville would be huge for our program."

With four games remaining in the season, McCollum has zero plans of resting players.

"Nope," McCollum said. "We're going to play the same lineup. It's a game and we're trying to win."

McCollum also said he would be playing Schneider and junior Justin Pitts the full game, if he had to.

Pitts sits five field goals away from surpassing Hunter Henry (2006-2009) for having the fourth all-time field goals made in Bearcat history.

"He seems quiet but he's not," McCollum said. "He's a great kid off the court. He goes about his business and gets wins."

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Pittsburg St.
Feb. 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
Northwest @ Missouri Southern
Feb. 18 @ 3 p.m.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Anthony Woods (left), D'Vante Mosby (middle) and Chris-Ebou Ndow (right) joke around on the bench during the Bearcats 65-43 win over Emporia State, Feb. 8.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Nikko Pablo



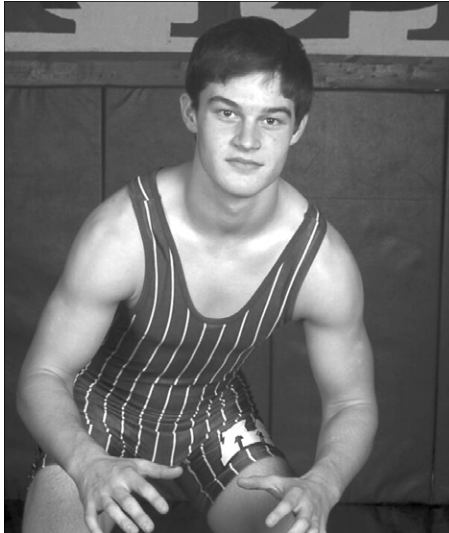
The senior pitcher threw 8 1/3 scoreless innings of relief in a 15 inning 10-6 victory over Henderson State. Pablo has compiled four saves this season.

Holly Posegate



The junior pitcher went 2-0 in her first two games at the mound. She has thrown through 14 innings, compiling a .64 ERA.

Matt Twaddle



The senior qualified for his fourth MSHSAA State Wrestling Tournament, following a first place finish in the 170-pound Class 2 District 4 weight class.

Emma Baldwin



The sophomore guard put 15 points in a 48-33 victory over Cameron Feb. 13. Baldwin has continued her consistent performance on the court all season.

SPOOFHOUNDS





Senior Felicia Sheil posted 14 points in the Spoofhounds’ 47-33 win against Cameron Feb. 13. The Spoofhounds will head to Savannah Feb. 16 for their final game.

DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Final stand

One game remains before the district tournament

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Spoofhound girls basketball earned a hard-fought victory for the seniors’ last game in Maryville when they faced off against Cameron, Feb. 13.

Following a few rough games against Midland Empire Conference (MEC) foes, Maryville (6-16) took initiative on the court battling the Dragons (5-17), resulting in a 48-33 win for the Spoofhounds.

Prior to the game, Spoofhound coach Quentin Albrecht commented on their previous matchup in the Cameron Invitational Tournament, Jan. 27. Maryville beat Cameron 50-



43 in a come from behind victory in the tournament finals.

“We played some good basketball. We’ve played some really tough teams since that time, and took some hits on the chin these past three games,” Albrecht said.

With districts right around the corner, Maryville continues to shoot for momentum after breaking a five-game losing skid.

“The past few games are really important for momentum going into districts,” Albright said. “We feel pretty good about that draw against Buchanan, and one of the things that will make us more confident as a team is to get a few good wins here at the end.”

With a seemingly slow start to the game, both teams saw the first quarter

end in a tie with eight points.

During the second quarter, the Dragons managed more offensive productivity, gaining an advantage over the Spoofhounds with a 21-17 lead at halftime.

Following halftime, the Spoofhounds took advantage of dominate possessions, giving them a 32-25 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Maryville maintained the lead for the win in the fourth quarter, giving seniors the spotlight for their dedication to the program.

Sophomore Emma Baldwin led the Spoofhounds with a game high 15 points. Senior Felicia Sheil trailed Baldwin with 14.

With this being the last home-

court game for this year’s seniors, emotions were running high as they looked back on memories made on the court.

Sheil said it was bittersweet playing in her last game at home, but it was well worth it.

“It’s really exciting, but it’s also really sad,” Sheil said. “I wish it could go on longer, but I think it’s been a great four years. I wouldn’t change it.”

Fellow senior Bethel Orshiso echoes her teammate’s feelings, saying it is nice to look back on all their hard work the last four years, but it is hard to let the sport go.

“It’s depressing in ways, but it’s also a nice feeling knowing what all we’ve gone through leading up to what feels like this one moment,”

Orshiso said.

Albrecht said he has seen much growth in the seniors in the last two years. He is grateful for the hard work they put in and all they have done for the team.

“The seniors have done a lot for us,” Albrecht said. “With this being only my second year, they were very eager to do whatever they could to help and to work hard for such a great team. I’m forever thankful for everything these seniors and these girls have done for me.”

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ Savannah
Feb. 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

Playoff hopes on life support

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With just four games left in the regular season, Northwest is fighting for the playoff.

The Bearcats (8-14, 3-12 MIAA) find themselves just barely out of the conference tournament field following three-straight defeats, placing them 13th in the standings.

Northwest suffered its biggest defeat of the season from Emporia State, Feb. 8, 86-48 and lost to Washburn 87-77 after leading 41-32 at halftime Feb. 11. Coach Buck Scheel said despite his team’s visible frustrations, the players realize the significance of the stretch they have in front of them.

“There’s certain times in the game where you can see they just kind of have their heads down, and a lot of times they will have their heads down when we are winning,” Scheel said. “They came into practice pretty focused and energized just knowing we have a big road stretch ahead of us.”

Sophomore Mallory McAndrews was a bright spot for the Bearcats. She scored the most points in a game for a bench player this season, with 21 points against



Washburn. Scheel said McAndrews was motivated to redeem her zero-point performance from the previous game.

“This year, she has really stepped up big and has taken a lot of accountability on herself when maybe she didn’t shoot the ball so well,” Scheel said. “That was the case against Emporia State. I could tell after the game she was disappointed in herself, and she got herself back into it mentally.”

McAndrews delivered a season-high seven 3-pointers in the game, but her performance still could not hide the issues Northwest has dealt with in the paint all season. Scheel said points in the paint will help them dictate the game more, and help them with their shot selection.

“One thing we really lacked Saturday, and what we lack overall, is the ability to penetrate and get to the paint and be able to pull the defense,” Scheel said. “It seemed like Saturday we settled for a lot of shots on the perimeter.”

Sophomore Arbrie Benson had a career-high 24 points against Emporia State and is the leading scorer for the Bearcats this season. Scheel said Benson’s play has matured from the beginning of the season and is making a difference on

the court.

“She has done a pretty good job these last few games, as far as taking care of the ball and playing with confidence,” Scheel said. “She has made a lot of strides from the beginning of the season and she brings a totally different factor for us out there.”

The final stretch of the season for Northwest begins with a trip to MIAA top dogs Pittsburg State (21-3, 13-2 MIAA) Feb. 16. The Gorillas beat the Bearcats at home earlier in the season 80-54. Scheel said his team will need to play a clean game to have a chance in a hostile environment.

“We’re going to have to do the best we can with limiting our turnovers, not giving up offensive boards and being there to contest shots,” Scheel said. “If you put yourself in a hole against a team like Pittsburgh State, it will get ugly fast.”

Players were not available to be interviewed.

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Pittsburg St.
Feb. 16 @ 5:30 p.m.
Northwest @ Missouri Southern
Feb. 18 @ 1 p.m.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Coach Buck Scheel yells in disbelief during the Bearcats’ 86-48 loss to Emporia State Feb. 8. The Bearcats will play away the rest of the week.

SPONSORED BY NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	NW MEN’S BASKETBALL	NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL	MHS BOYS BASKETBALL	MHS GIRLS BASKETBALL
	MIAA Standings	MIAA Standings	MEC Standings	MEC Standings
	Overall MIAA	Overall MIAA	Overall MEC	Overall MEC
	Y-NORTHWEST..... 23-0 15-0	X-Pittsburg St..... 21-3 13-2	MARYVILLE..... 19-4 5-1	Chillicothe..... 20-1 5-0
	X-Central Missouri..... 17-6 11-4	X-Central Missouri..... 19-4 12-3	St. Joseph Benton..... 15-7 5-1	St. Joseph Lafayette..... 12-7 5-0
	X-Nebraska Kearney..... 17-7 10-5	X-Emporia St..... 21-4 12-4	Savannah..... 12-10 4-2	St. Joseph Benton..... 11-10 3-2
	X-Fort Hays St..... 15-8 9-6	X-Central Oklahoma..... 20-4 11-4	St. Joseph Lafayette..... 10-10 3-2	Savannah..... 9-12 2-3
	X-Central Oklahoma..... 14-9 9-6	X-Missouri Western..... 18-6 10-5	Chillicothe..... 11-10 2-3	Smithville..... 15-7 2-3
	X-Missouri Southern..... 14-10 8-7	X-Fort Hays St..... 18-6 9-6	Cameron..... 8-15 2-4	MARYVILLE..... 7-16 2-4
	X-Emporia St..... 12-12 8-7	X-Washburn..... 16-9 9-7	Smithville..... 2-18 1-4	Bishop LeBlond..... 4-17 1-4
	X-Lindenwood..... 18-10 7-8	Southwest Baptist..... 14-10 6-9	Bishop LeBlond..... 7-16 0-5	Cameron..... 5-16 0-5
	X-Washburn..... 15-9 7-8	Missouri Southern..... 11-13 6-9		
	X-Lincoln..... 14-10 7-8	Nebraska Kearney..... 9-14 5-10		
	X-Southwest Baptist..... 14-10 7-8	Lindenwood..... 10-14 5-11		
	Missouri Western..... 7-17 3-12	Lincoln..... 5-18 4-12		
	Pittsburg St..... 4-19 2-13	NORTHWEST..... 8-14 3-12		
	Northeastern St..... 3-20 2-13	Northeastern St..... 6-17 2-13		
	Feb. 16 Northwest at Pittsburg St	Feb. 16 Northwest at Pittsburg St	Feb. 17 Savannah at Maryville	Feb. 16 Maryville at Savannah
	Feb. 18 Northwest at Missouri Southern	Feb. 18 Northwest at Missouri Southern	Feb. 21 Maryville vs Brookfield Class 3 District 16 Tournament	Feb. 20 Maryville vs East Buchanan Class 3 District 16 Tournament
	X-Clinched spot in MIAA Tournament Y-Clinched bye to Kansas City	X-Clinched spot in MIAA Tournament		



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Sophomore Dane Appel prepares to sling the ball to first base during practice at Bearcat Field Feb. 13. The Bearcats first home game is March 3.

Sensational

Bearcats set program milestone in opening week

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Northwest baseball made a statement as it defied odds and put names in the books following one of the best starts since the program began in 1956. The Bearcats (6-1) took on varying opponents as they accomplished a historic start to the season. This record-tying start puts this Bearcat team in the history books, along with fellow teams from 1964 and 1973. “In past years, we’ve struggled in a few games to start. We just battled mentality more than anything,” coach Darin Loe said. “Winning the opener got us going in the right direction, and then to get two more, I think the opening weekend just gave us a ton of confidence going forward.” The three-day road trip served as proving grounds for Northwest as it faced its toughest competitions the team had seen to date. The Bearcats hit the diamond strong, starting the three-game trip with Ouachita Baptist (2-6). Using momentum gained from

the opening weekend, the Bearcats made quick work of the Tigers (7-2). The offensive charge was led by senior Ozzie Adams. The senior busted the 2-1 game open in the sixth inning with a bases-clearing double down the left field line. The Tigers’ offense was held in check, thanks to senior Anthony Caenepeel. The right-handed pitcher threw seven innings while only allowing three hits and one earned run. Heading into the second day, Northwest faced another undefeated team in Henderson State University. The Bearcats pulled off a 10-6 victory in the 15 inning classic. The game was tied 6-6 going into extra innings, because of a home run from junior Kevin Handzlik in the fourth, a home run from Adams in the fifth and a RBI groundout from sophomore Logan Rycraft, which tied the game in the eighth. The game was silent for most of the extra innings from both sides until the 15th inning, when senior James Holler broke the tie with a RBI single to score Logan Rycraft. The Bearcats tacked on three more runs with a wild pitch score from junior Alix Herrera and a two run double from junior Landon Figg. The Reddies (5-2) could not manufacture any runs off of senior Nikko Pablo, who only allowed five hits in 8.1 scoreless innings of relief. Pablo shut the door on every batter that stepped in his presence as his fastball blew by hitters for five strikeouts. “My success was mainly due to my fastball,” Pablo said. “I just wanted to throw strikes; I just trusted myself and let the defense work behind me.” The last day of the trip was not as fortunate as the others. The Bearcats suffered their first loss of the season to Truman State University 6-2. The Bearcats fell behind quickly in the first inning as they gave up three runs on a double and an error. The Bulldogs (1-3) never looked back and Northwest was stuck chasing the whole game, and could never muster a comeback. The Bearcats will look to bounce back from their loss as they head to Edmond, Oklahoma to take on Oklahoma Christian University (4-3) in a three game series Feb. 17-19.

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Oklahoma Christian
Feb. 17-19 @ 1 p.m.

Softball produces mixed results in opening stretch

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The Bearcat softball team started the 2017 season with a trip to Bentonville, Arkansas, where it split a four game series against regional opponents. Northwest (2-2) started the year on a low note with a 6-0 loss to Arkansas Tech Feb. 10. That afternoon, the team faced off against Arkansas-Monticello and grabbed a 9-2 victory. The Bearcats followed that with another split Feb. 11. They lost to Harding University 1-0 in a hard-fought battle that morning. Later in the day, they defeated Henderson State 1-0. Northwest struggled on the offensive side of the plate, scoring only one run off a total of four hits all day Saturday. Coach Ryan Anderson said his team’s saving grace was its defense, offsetting the struggles in the batter’s box. “Our pitchers threw well, but the disappointing side was our hitting just didn’t show up,” Anderson said. “We have most of the lineup returning, and that’s what struggled this weekend.” In the game against Arkansas Tech, Northwest was only able to put together four hits and no runs. In its game against Arkansas-Monticello, Northwest improved, scoring nine runs off 10 hits. The next day the Bearcats’ struggles continued. They had three hits but went scoreless against Harding. In their afternoon game against Henderson State, the only run of the

game came in the seventh inning when Northwest senior Chantel Adams hit a solo home run. That was the Bearcats’ only hit of the game, while the Reddies had six hits. Anderson said his girls had issues at bat, but luckily were solid on the defensive side of the game. “We got fortunate, but we played well, so if our bats can catch up to where we’re at we’ll be fine,” Anderson said. This was the first chance the Bearcats had to hit the dirt and play on an actual field. The cold weather kept them confined to their indoor practice facility throughout January, and the only chance they had to get outside was on the football field’s turf, when the weather was decent. Anderson said they had a few issues adjusting to playing on an actual diamond, but those are easy adjustments. “We only get on astroturf out here, and when we go down and play on dirt it’s nothing like it,” Anderson said. “We had a couple mistakes that were dirt related, so hopefully we can clean those up.” The Bearcats have six returning All-MIAA athletes from last season, but so far no one has had an exceptional performance. “Offensively, not a lot of people stood out,” Anderson said. “We didn’t have anybody who was just on fire. Each one of those players played well from the defensive side of it, so if the bats come around, they’ll be going again.” Senior second baseman Torri Blythe was named first team

All-MIAA in 2017, and was also the MIAA co-defensive player of the year. Blythe said she has high hopes for her performance this season, but her main concern is working hard and improving as a team. “I think I’m just trying to take it one game at a time, and just trying to push myself to do better,” Blythe said. “If that happens again, then great, but if it doesn’t and the team does well, then that’s all that matters.” Northwest heads back to Bentonville Feb. 17 to face off against more regional opponents. Anderson said the team is at a disadvantage, but it is good for the players to play against teams they do not normally face off against. “It’s the catch-up game right now,” Anderson said. “It’s challenging, but that’s what is fun about early tournaments. We get to play teams we don’t get to see very much and see where we are at.”

NEXT GAME
Northwest vs. Southern Arkansas
Feb. 17 @ 9 a.m.
Northwest vs. University of Illinois Springfield
Feb. 18 @ 11 a.m.
Northwest vs. Ouachita Baptist
Feb. 18 @ 1 p.m.
Northwest vs. Southern Nazarene
Feb. 18 @ 3 p.m.
Northwest vs. William Jewell
Feb. 19 @ 1 p.m.
Northwest vs. Rockhurst
Feb. 19 @ 3 p.m.
All games are at Bentonville, AR



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Taylor Blackford follows through her pitching rotation during practice outside of Bearcat Softball Field Jan 23.

Top-ranked volleyball squad rises as tournament favorite

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In a league filled with competition and sportsmanship, one team has exemplified these qualities better than the others. Mutts is this year’s No. 1 team in Northwest’s intramural volleyball tournament. Winning all three games in the brief regular season gave the team the top seed, earning a first round bye. Spectators and players on other teams have seemed to take notice of the Mutts as well. Freshman Kieran Brennan has seen the Mutts first hand and was impressed with how the team performed. “They were by far the best team I’ve seen,” Brennan said. “They showed great amounts of teamwork and had terrific communication on the court.” Other teams have also taken notice of the team with the only undefeated record in the league. “I think they definitely have potential,” Brennan said. “They

will be the toughest team to beat no doubt about it.” Led by senior Lucas Blum, Mutts has shown great promise for future games in the tournament. “We have a couple guys who really know how to play volleyball,” Blum said. “As a team, we return serves really well. Passing wins us games and we have done that fairly well.” Mutts was dominant on the serve this year, dishing out 21 aces. On returns, it was equally impressive, spiking six balls and blocking an average of 1.5 balls per game. In the best of three set games leading up to the playoffs, Mutts only lost one set, going to the third set in only one of their matchups. Being undefeated and having No. 1 in front of your name creates some complacency and usually brings some incentive to play to the highest level, but Blum said that is not the case. “There is not much pressure,” Blum said, “It’s a pretty low intensity league.” With a low intensity level it can be hard to get hyped for games, but the Mutts have not had trouble with that yet. When Blum was asked if

he thought his team could win the whole tournament, his response was short and confident, “for sure.” “Hopefully, we win and everything goes smoothly,” Blum said. “No forfeits, no ejections.” Mutts has been able to avoid these kinds of penalties and the team has earned a 4.67 sportsmanship rating. Forfeits and ejection cause a drop in sportsmanship rating, which is a stat vitally important to the seeding process. Not only has the team set itself apart, but is the only men’s team in the tournament that is not affiliated with a fraternity. Fraternity teams have an abundance of prospects. In theory, fraternities would be better because they have a larger wealth of talent. Teams affiliated with fraternities seem to dominate the league in number, but this year Mutts stood out as best team in a fraternity-heavy men’s division. The first round of the tournament was played on Feb. 15. The final round of the playoffs will get underway at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Student Recreation Center.

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21 Aces

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Feeding frenzy

Fans at Bearcat Arena have become extra rowdy during men’s basketball games

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Northwest basketball is in full command and has the opportunity to bring the first few rounds of the NCAA playoffs into its own backyard. The No. 1 Bearcats (23-0, 15-0 MIAA) continue to flex its muscles as the only undefeated team left in Division II basketball by clinching their fourth-straight MIAA championship on their own home court, Feb. 11.

“It’s pretty incredible,” senior Zach Schneider said. “It’s a ridiculous feat. I’ve checked the record books and I don’t think that’s happened.”

The Bearcats have only accomplished this four-year streak one other time between 1928-1933.

With the victory, Northwest earned a share of the conference title, but can win the trophy outright with a victory over Pittsburg State (4-19), Feb. 16.

“It just shows the culture we’ve established,” coach Ben McCollum said. “Four years in a row in any league is extremely difficult.”

Bearcat faithful have been attending in large numbers this season, averaging over 1,700 fans through the past four home games, along with a 32-game home winning streak.

In the Bearcats’ six-point victory over Washburn, Bearcat Arena remained electric for the full 40 minutes.

“That crowd was a big-time postseason atmosphere,” senior D’Vante Mosby said. “We just need to continue to get better.”

McCollum has given special recognition to a group of students standing near the away side benches.

“We have that Hawaiian shirt bunch and they tried high-fiving me after the game,” McCollum said. “I was going for the chest bump but some of them had their shirts unbuttoned and I thought it was going to be a little greasy.”

For McCollum, the Bearcats’ success through a full season remains a high standard. With the MIAA tournament on the horizon, McCollum hopes to keep this idea at the forefront of his athletes’ minds.



Coach Ben McCollum calls out a defensive play during the Bearcats 65-43 victory over Emporia State. BRIA CREENEN | NW MISSOURIAN

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Trio of ‘Hounds head to Columbia

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After the Class 2 District 4 tournament, three Spoofhound wrestlers qualified for the MSHSAA State Tournament at Miz-zou Arena.

The three include senior Jackson Sanders (34-14), senior Matthew Twaddle (44-13) and senior Ryan Owens (22-11). In the district tournament Feb. 10-11, Sanders placed fourth in the 160 weight class, while teammate Twaddle placed first in the 170 weight class. Owens rounded out the trio, placing fourth in the 220 weight class. All three placements were enough to guarantee a one-way ticket to Columbia, Missouri.

“I was pleased,” coach Connor Kellerstrass said. “It was very exciting to see everyone out there competing. We wrestled our best all year.”

Maryville sent six athletes to the district tournament, matching the most wrestlers to compete in the tournament under Kellerstrass. In the Spoofhounds’ previous season, Kellerstrass was only able to send two.

All three who made it to state



could not help but give credit to each other as they worked hard and pushed each other to improve.

“I grew up with Matthew and I try to watch and replicate what he does,” Kellerstrass said.

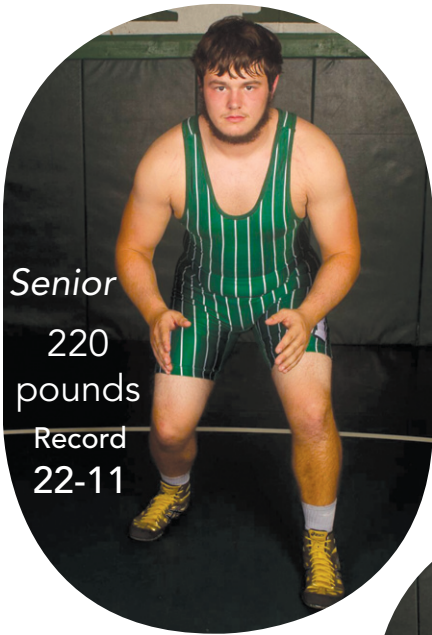
Twaddle finds himself in familiar territory, as he has made it to the state tournament three previous times. Twaddle understands the magnitude of competing in the state tournament year after year at Maryville.

“This was a big accomplishment,” Twaddle said. “We put in a lot of hard work. The goal was to make it to state, and the goal now is to bring home a medal.”

Last season, Sanders was put out in a bubble match, so this is his first year going to state. His main goal was to not lose out again this year and to try to bring home a medal from state.

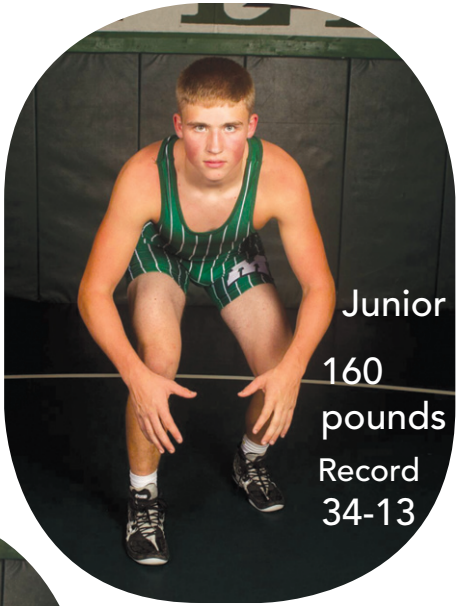
This is Maryville’s first year in Class 2. While the Spoofhounds were not sure how they would compete, Kellerstrass helped prepare them for the change and it seemed to work out for them. All three head off to Columbia, Missouri to compete in the state championships Feb. 17-18 and hopefully bring home some medals to show for their efforts.

Ryan Owens



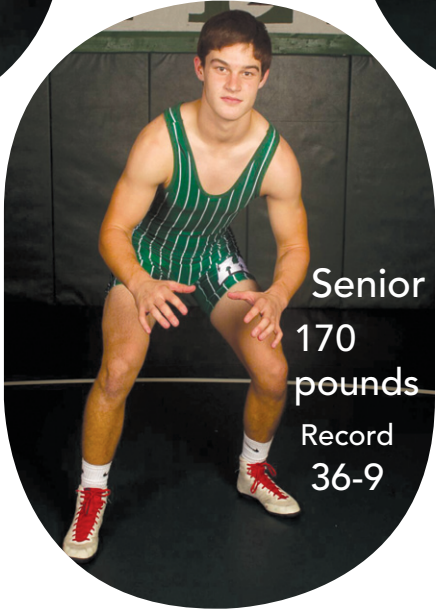
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Jackson Sanders



Junior
160
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Record
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Matt Twaddle



Senior
170
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Record
36-9

NEXT GAME

Class 2 Individual State Tournament

@ University of Missouri

Feb. 16-18 All Day

Northwest Athletics defines nationwide standard

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On any given day, one can travel through Maryville and see Northwest Bearcat decorations strewn

throughout the town.

From cozy businesses owned by residents, to houses tucked away in the furthest reaches of town, those who call Maryville home are unabashed when showing their support for Northwest athletics.

At the same time, Northwest has repaid the loyalty of its fans

by producing winning programs in just about every major sport. Football remains dominant, while men’s basketball and volleyball have experienced significant improvements spanning the last two years.

But the overall success of Northwest’s athletic program did not happen overnight. Potential coaches

were thoroughly vetted and aspiring student athletes had to buy into the program’s philosophy.

As a result, Northwest boasts the only No. 1 ranked football and men’s basketball programs in the country for Division II. Both football and men’s basketball have won four consecutive MIAA con-

ference titles, but the success does not end there. Northwest’s baseball program started the 2017 campaign with a record of 6-0, matching the 1964 and 1973 teams for the program’s best start.

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